

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Non-Final Office Action dated September 15, 2010, claims 1, 5–14, 18–25, and 29–35 were indicated as allowable, and claims 36–38 were rejected. Applicant has amended claims 14 and 36–38. The amendments add no new matter. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the Specification and claims as originally filed.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of pending claims 1, 5–14, 18–25, and 29–38 in view of the amendments above and the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 1, 5–14, 18–25, and 29–35 are allowable. The amendment to allowable claim 14 corrects an antecedent basis issue, but is not intended to substantively modify the scope of the claim.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 36–38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Without conceding the appropriateness of the rejections, Applicant has amended claims 36–38 to address the rejections. Applicant submits that the claims as amended are presently in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION


Applicant submits that claims 1, 5-14, 18-25, and 29-38 are in condition for allowance and requests favorable consideration of the claims.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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